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LPDR Party and Gov. Del. in DPRK on Official Goodwill Visit

A Party and Government Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) headed by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP) and Prime Minister of the Government of the LPDR, was in our country on official goodwill visit from June 13 to 18 at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Arrival in Pyongyang

The delegation arrived in Pyongyang on June 13 by special plane.

The great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung came out to the airport and warmly greeted Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane and his party.

That day the streets of Pyongyang, capital of revolution, and the airport were in festive mood.

Put up with due respect among thousands of welcomers at the airport were a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, and a portrait of Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the LPRP and Prime Minister of the Government of the LPDR, flanked on either side by the slogans "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane!"

Big balloons afloat high in the sky over the airport were ribboned with the flags of the two countries and streamers bearing the words "Welcome" and "Friendship" and the flags of Korea and Laos were fluttering on the flagpoles.

Seen in front of the welcoming crowd were slogans reading: "Warm welcome to the goodwill mission of the Lao people!" "Long live the indestructible militant friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Korea and Laos!" "Support to the just struggle of the Lao people for the independent development of the country!" and "Let us unite with the world's people who advocate independence!"

The great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung came out to the airport before the arrival of the guests.

At 12:30 the special plane carrying the goodwill mission of the Lao people touched down at the Pyongyang airport.

The welcoming crowds, waving the flags of the two countries and bunches of flowers, enthusiastically welcomed the goodwill mission of the Lao people who put an end to the colonial rule of imperialists and feudalistic monarchism through the protracted arduous struggle and are now attaining great results in socialist construction, a new stage of revolution, under the correct leadership of the LPRP and who highly evaluate the successes our people are gaining in the revolution and construction through the application of the immortal Juche idea under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and always positively support our people's struggle to make the US troops withdraw from south Korea and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung firmly shook hands with Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane and warmly hugged him when he got off the plane and exchanged greetings with the members of the delegation accompanying him.

Accompanying Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane were Phoun Sipaseuth, Member of the Political Bureau of the LPRP Central Committee, Deputy Prime Minister of the LPDR Government and Foreign Minister; Sanan Southichak, Member of the LPRP Central Committee and Minister of Communications, Public Works and Transport; Sisana Sisane, Alternate Member of the LPRP Central Committee and Minister of Information, Propaganda, Tourism and Culture; Thongsavath Khaykhamphithoun, Vice-Minister of the Prime Minister's Office; and Thavone Sichaleun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the LPDR to our country; and others.

Lovely children—Juvenile Corps members—courteously presented bunches of fragrant flowers to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane. They presented bundles of bouquets also to the members of the delegation and the entourage.

The guests were cordially met at the airport by Comrades Pak Sung Chul, Ho Dam, Chong Jun Gi, Kye Ung Tae and Hwang Jang Yop; Chairmen of Committees and Ministers of the Administration Council; leading functionaries of working people's organizations, leading personnel of Pyongyang city organs of power, generals of the Korean People's Army, leading functionaries from scientific, educational, cultural, art, public health and press circles and Ryom Tae Jun, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the LPDR.

Among those present at the airport to greet the guests were foreign diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang, Andre Fontaine, Editor-in-Chief of the French paper "Le Monde" and his wife on visit to Korea, and Lao students studying in Pyongyang.

A grand welcoming function was held at the airport.

The national anthem of the LPDR and the Patriotic Song of our country were played and a 21-gun salute was fired while Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, in company with the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, reviewed a guard of honour of the ground, naval and air forces of the Korean People's Army.

When the welcoming function was over, Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, together with the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, answered the warm welcome of the multitude as they passed by the cheering crowd. And then they got into a car and headed for the city.

Hundreds of thousands of working people in the capital fervently welcomed the goodwill mission of the Lao people all along the route.

Reception

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC WPK and President of the DPRK, on June 13 met Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the LPRP and Prime Minister of the Government of the LPDR.

Present on the occasion was Comrade Pak Sung Chul.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a talk with Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane in a cordial atmosphere overflowing with friendly sentiments.

Welcome Banquet

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung hosted a grand banquet at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall on the evening of the 13th in honour of the Party and Government Delegation of the LPDR headed by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane.

Invited to the banquet were Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane and members of the delegation and its suite.

Attending the banquet were cadres of our country.

Invited there were the foreign diplomatic envoys and their wives in Pyongyang, Andre Fontaine, Editor-in-Chief of the French paper "Le Monde", and his wife and his party and Lao students studying in Pyongyang.

At the banquet the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung made a speech.

He was followed by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane.

The banquet proceeded in a warm atmosphere overflowing with feeling of friendship.

An art performance was given at the banquet by artistes of the Mansudae Art Troupe.

Gifts Presented

On the 13th Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane presented the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung with gifts of his best wishes at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall.

He gave the great leader an explanation on the gifts.

The great leader, together with Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, saw the gifts put on show and expressed thanks for the gifts.

On the 17th, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung presented gifts to Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane.

The great leader gave Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane an explanation on the gifts.

Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, together with the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, saw the gifts on display and expressed thanks for the gifts.

Present at the gift-presenting occasions were our cadres.

Also on hand were members of the LPDR Party and Government Delegation and its suite.

Talks

Talks were held in Pyongyang on the 16th between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, and Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, General Secretary of the CC of the LPRP and Prime Minister of the Government of the LPDR.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

Earlier, on the 14th talks were held in Pyongyang between the Party and Government Delegation of our country and the Party and Government Delegation of the LPDR.

Present at the talks on our side were Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Member of the Political Committee of the WPK Central Committee and Premier of the DPRK Administration Council who was the head of our delegation, Comrade Ho Dam, Comrade Kye Ung Tae, and personages concerned Pak Yong Sok, Li Chang Son, Chon In Chul, and DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the LPDR Ryom Tae Jun.

Present on the Lao side were Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, General Secretary of the CC of the LPRP and Prime Minister of the Government of the LPDR who was the head of the Lao delegation; and members of the delegation Phoun Sipaseuth, Member of the Political Bureau of the LPRP Central Committee, Deputy Prime Minister of the LPDR Government and Foreign Minister; Sanan Southichak, Member of the LPRP Central Committee and Minister of Communications, Public Works and Transport; Sisana Sisane, Alternate Member of the LPRP Central Committee and Minister of Information, Propaganda, Tourism and Culture; Thongsavath Khaykhamphithoun, Vice-Minister of the Prime Minister's Office; and Thavone Sichaleun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the LPDR to our country.

At the talks both sides informed each other of the situation of their countries and exchanged views on the question of further strengthening and developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the two Parties and the two countries and on a series of questions of common concern.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere and the both sides reached a unanimity of views on all questions discussed.

Luncheon

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung gave a luncheon on the 16th in honour of Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane.

The luncheon proceeded in a warm atmosphere overflowing with the feeling of friendship.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung exchanges a pressure of hands with Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane

Orders and Medals Awarded

A ceremony was held on the 17th in Pyongyang to award the orders and medals of the DPRK to Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane and his party.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung conferred the Order of National Flag First Class upon Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, General Secretary of the CC of the LPRP and Prime Minister of the Government of the LPDR; the Order of Labour upon Phoun Sipaseuth, Member of the Political Bureau of the LPRP Central Committee, Deputy Prime Minister of the LPDR Government and Foreign Minister; the Order of National Flag Second Class upon Sanan Southichak, Member of the LPRP Central Committee and Minister of Communications, Public Works and Transport; Sisana Sisane, Alternate Member of the LPRP Central Committee and Minister of Information, Propaganda, Tourism and Culture; Thongsavath Khaykhamphithoun, Vice-Minister of the Prime Minister's Office; and Thavone Sichaleun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the LPDR to our country and the Order of National Flag Third Class and the Merited Medal upon its suite.

Invited at the awarding ceremony were our cadres and personages concerned.

Art Performance and Mass Gymnastic Display

The revolutionary opera "Sea of Blood" from the immortal classic with the same title was staged at the Pyongyang Grand Theatre on the evening of the 14th in honour of the LPDR Party and Government Delegation led by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane.

The opera won great admiration from the guests for its high ideological and artistic value.

When the performance was over, Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, in company with Premier Pak Sung Chul, mounted the stage, presented a floral basket to the performers, congratulating them on their successful performance, and posed for a photograph with them.

The delegation saw the mass gymnastic display "Song of Korea" performed by school youth and children in Pyongyang at the Moranbong Stadium on the afternoon of 15th.

Also seeing the display were Comrade Pak Sung Chul, personages concerned and working people in the city.

Set up in place of honour in the stadium were a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, and a portrait of Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, General Secretary of the CC of the LPRP and Prime Minister of the Government of the LPDR.

On the background appeared the august images of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, with the slogans bearing the words: "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Long live Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane!" "Warm welcome to the LPDR Party and Government Delegation led by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane!" and "Long live the indestructible militant friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Lao peoples!" Then followed a beautiful rainbow symbolic of friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Lao peoples.

The display began after the national anthem of the LPDR and the Patriotic Song of our country were played and the flags of Korea and Laos were unfurled on the background.

The mass gymnastic display "Song of Korea" was highly acclaimed by the guests and spectators for its splendid depiction of the heroic struggle and the bright future of our people who realized the cause of national liberation and attained great national prosperity under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Inspection

While staying in our country the Party and Government Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic led by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane inspected various places.

Premier Pak Sung Chul accompanied the guests.

On the 14th the delegation visited the Central Industrial-Agricultural Exhibition. The guests saw with deep attention the exhibits epitomizing the successes which our people under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung have attained by brilliantly applying the immortal Juche idea in the field of economic construction.

On the same day the delegation inspected the Pyongyang Metro.

On the 15th the delegation called at the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex. The guests made the round of major workshops of the complex. At the furnace workshop, they watched the scene of teeming operation and expressed admiration for the vigorous labour endeavours of the smelters.

At the steel workshop Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane shook hands one by one with smelters who were creditably carrying through the respected and beloved leader's teaching on sending more iron and steel materials to the sites of socialist construction. He warmly congratulated them on their labour achievements.

Then the guests went to the Songrim Babies Palace where they saw the happiness of sons and daughters of steel workers.

That day the guests from Laos paid a visit to the Migok Cooperative Farm in Sariwon.

That day the North Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee arranged a banquet in honour of the Party and Government Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

At the banquet Han Sang Gyu, Chairman of the North Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee, delivered a speech first.

The next speaker was Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane.

After finishing his speech he conveyed to Chairman Han Sang Gyu the national flag and emblem of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and embroideries in memory of his visit to North Hwanghae Province.

On the 16th the delegation visited the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace and saw an art performance given by art circle members of the palace and, on the 17th, called at the National Economy Institute.

During their stay in our country the delegation members and suite looked around the Rihyon Pumping Station on the outskirts of Pyongyang.

The suite members of the delegation visited Mangyongdae, the cradle of revolution, and called at the Museum of Victorious Fatherland Liberation War.

Dinner

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea arranged a dinner on the 17th for the Party and Government Delegation of the LPDR led by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane.

Invited there were Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, members of the delegation and its suite.

Present were cadres of our country.

At the dinner speeches were made by Premier Pak Sung Chul and Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane.

The attendants of the dinner drank toasts to the indestructible militant friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Lao peoples, to the long life and good health of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and to the long life and good health of esteemed Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane.

The dinner proceeded in a cordial atmosphere overflowing with friendly sentiments.

Joint Communique Signed

A joint communique between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Lao People's Democratic Republic was signed in Pyongyang on June 18.

At the signing ceremony the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane signed the joint communique.

The signing ceremony was attended by our cadres.

Also present were members of the LPDR Party and Government Delegation and its suite.

Departure from Pyongyang

The Party and Government Delegation of the LPDR headed by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane left Pyongyang on the 18th by special plane upon successful conclusion of its itinerary.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, warmly sent off Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane and his party at the airport.

Present at the airport were thousands of farewell bidders who were carrying the flags of Korea and Laos, bouquets and balloons.

A grand farewell function took place there.

Before parting, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung firmly shook hands with Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane and warmly hugged him and exchanged greetings with the delegation members.

Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane and his party exchanged farewell greetings with cadres of our country, foreign diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang and Lao students in our country who were out at the airport to see them off.

At 11:45 a.m. the special plane carrying the guests took off at the Pyongyang airport pervaded with the warm feelings of friendship.

The recent visit to our country by the LPDR Party and Government Delegation led by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane marked an epochal occasion in developing the militant friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Lao peoples to a new higher plane.

The Korean People Rejoice, as Over Their Own, Over the Successes in the Revolution and Construction Made by the Fraternal Lao People Who Are Standing Firmly at an Outpost of Socialism in Southeast Asia

Speech by Comrade KIM IL SUNG

At Banquet

Esteemed Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane,
Esteemed guests from Laos,
Comrades and friends,

It gives us a great pleasure to receive this time the friendly envoys of the Lao people, our revolutionary comrades-in-arms who have won victory on the anti-imperialist common front.

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people, I warmly welcome the Party and Government Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic headed by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and Prime Minister of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Your visit to our country is a milestone in developing the militant friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Korea and Laos onto a higher stage.

Both Korea and Laos are situated in Asia, and the friendship of their peoples was sealed with blood in the process of the common struggle against imperialism.

Under the correct leadership of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party headed by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, the Lao people waged, arms in hand, a protracted, arduous revolutionary struggle against the imperialists and domestic reactionaries, and at last emerged victorious from this struggle.

We warmly congratulate the victory of the Lao revolution and the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic as a significant event which has opened up a broad road for the Lao people to create a new life and as a brilliant fruition of the line and policies of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party guided by Marxism-Leninism.

After the victory of the national liberation revolution, the Lao people embarked on the road of the socialist revolution and the building of socialism, a new stage of the revolutionary development.

At present, the People's Revolutionary Party and the Government of Laos are leading the popular masses with confidence in the struggle to strengthen the proletarian dictatorship, firmly defend their revolutionary gains from all sorts of subversive and sabotaging acts of the class enemy at home and abroad, wipe out the aftermaths of neo-colonialism, heal war wounds and build an independent national economy and a national culture.

The development of the revolution in Laos vividly shows once again that it is historically inevitable for the peoples of the newly independent countries which were once colonies or semi-colonies to take the road of socialism.

The Korean people rejoice, as over their own, over the successes in the revolution and construction made by the fraternal Lao people who are standing firmly at an outpost of socialism in Southeast Asia, and ardently wish them still greater successes in their future struggle to build a peaceful, prosperous, independent socialist Laos.

The victory of the Lao people in their national liberation struggle, along with the victories of the revolution in Viet Nam and Cambodia, strengthened the anti-imperialist revolutionary forces in Southeast Asia and greatly hastened the collapse of the colonial system of imperialism.

Indeed, great revolutionary changes have taken place in Asia since the Second World War.

With nothing can the imperialists check the dynamic forward movement of the Asian people towards independence, sovereignty and socialism, and the Asian people are bound to win their struggle for a new independent and prosperous Asia.

Comrades and friends,

The current visit of the Party and Government Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to our country greatly encourages our people in their struggle for the building of socialism and the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The People's Revolutionary Party and the people of Laos always render an active support and encouragement to our people's cause of national reunification on international scenes including the United Nations.

When victory was in sight in the revolution in Laos, the Lao Party and people took the resolute step of expelling the south Korean puppets from Laos, thereby dealing a serious blow at the "two Koreas" plot of the enemy.

For this, I would like to extend my deep thanks once more to esteemed Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, the People's Revolutionary Party, the Government and people of Laos.

The close friendship and solidarity between the Korean and the Lao people is conducive to strengthening the unity of the revolutionary peoples of Asia and the peoples of the countries of the new-emerging forces.

Today when the imperialists are more persistent in their attempts to sow antagonism and discord among the countries of the new-emerging forces and to alienate and split them, it is even more urgent than ever before to strengthen the unity of the peoples of these countries.

In future, too, the Korean people, in unity with the peoples of the socialist countries and with the peoples of the world advocating independence, will fight on vigorously to build a new world which is free from exploitation and oppression and where the peoples of all countries can decide their destiny for themselves.

Esteemed guests from Laos,

During your stay in our country you will enjoy a cordial hospitality of our people and see at first hand the successes scored by our people under the leadership of our Party in the socialist revolution and socialist construction by adhering to the Juche idea.

Believing that your visit to our country will bear fine fruits, I would like to propose a toast:

To the indestructible fraternal friendship and solidarity between the Korean and the Lao people,

To the prosperity and development of the Lao People's Democratic Republic,

To the solidarity of the peoples of the world advocating independence,

To the health of esteemed Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane,

To the health of the guests from Laos,

To the health of diplomatic envoys of various countries and madames, and

To the health of all comrades and friends present here.

The Korean People Rapidly Rehabilitated the Country by Embodying the Juche Idea and Have Turned Korea into a Socialist Country with a Modern Industry and Developed Rural Economy

Speech by Comrade KAYSONE PHOMVIHANE

At Banquet

Esteemed Comrade Kim Il Sung,
Dear Comrade Pak Sung Chul,
Dear comrades and friends,

Today the delegation of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic has the immense joy of paying the first official goodwill visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, so heroic and beautiful, after the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

From the very moment of its arrival in Pyongyang, the beautiful and very hospitable capital, our delegation was accorded the warmest, most enthusiastic and most heartfelt welcome by respected President Kim Il Sung and by Premier Pak Sung Chul and other leading comrades of the Party and Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Pyongyang citizens.

In the name of the Lao Party and Government Delegation, I express thanks from the bottom of my heart to you comrades for your warm welcome.

I express most heartfelt, deep thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung for his so admirable congratulations extended to our Party and our Lao people on our great historic victory.

We are boundlessly inspired by these words filled with the fraternal friendship.

Dear comrades,

As close comrades-in-arms of the Korean people, our Lao people have long and invariably followed the revolutionary cause and the cause of socialist construction carried on by the fraternal Korean people under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Our Lao people admire the heroism of the Korean people who established the glorious revolutionary traditions in the armed struggle against the Japanese militarists and defeated the US imperialist aggressors in the great Fatherland Liberation War and firmly defended the eastern outpost of the socialist countries, thereby making a positive contribution to safeguarding peace in Asia and the world.

The Korean people rapidly rehabilitated the country by embodying the Juche idea.

In a very short span of time the Korean people have turned Korea, once poor and backward, into a socialist country with a modern industry, developed rural economy and powerful popular defence capacity and efflorescing and developing national culture.

The Korean people successfully carried out the Six-Year Plan ahead of schedule and are now more powerfully conducting the speed campaign to attain the envisaged targets in the near future.

The successes the fraternal Korean people have made in the socialist construction help towards developing the socialist and revolutionary forces in Asia and the world and, accordingly, the prestige of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is rising higher day by day in the international arena.

Today the US imperialists and the south Korean puppets are more frequently committing bellicose provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, thus creating tension which gravely threatens peace in Korea, Asia and the world.

The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic resolutely supports the reasonable proposals set forth by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country free from outside interference.

We demand that the US imperialists completely withdraw all their weapons of destruction including tactical nuclear weapons and all their occupationist troops from south Korea.

The United States must give up its black-hearted manoeuvres to create "two Koreas" and perpetuate the division of Korea.

We firmly believe that the just struggle of the fraternal Korean people will surely emerge victorious.

Dear comrades,

The Lao people under the wise leadership of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party won a complete victory in the struggle for abolishing US neo-colonialism, its puppet apparatus, anachronistic monarchism, and founded the Lao People's Democratic Republic through their over 30 year long heroic struggle full of sacrifices and difficulties and thus ushered in a new era, the era of independence, freedom, direct advance of their beloved country to socialism without going through the capitalist stage of development.

In a little over a year our people have bent great efforts on the work to defend the country and carry out socialist transformation. Under the new system the people's power has been strengthened and initial successes have been made in economic and cultural construction.

And we keep receiving the support and assistance from the fraternal socialist countries and the friendly countries of the world.

The victories won by the Lao people constitute a solid basis for the defence of the country and national construction in the years to come. In the way of their march our Lao people will naturally confront difficulties resulting from the after-effects of the war of aggression and the old system and the subversive plots and sabotages always hatched by reactionary forces in all domains.

But we are firmly confident that we will overcome all difficulties and steadfastly lead our country to socialism which no reactionary forces can block thanks to the just and clairvoyant leadership of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, its heroic revolutionary tradition, patriotism linked with the love of the new regime of the Lao people made up of many nationalities, the indestructible militant solidarity extended by the fraternal peoples of Viet Nam and Cambodia and the solidarity and cooperation of the fraternal socialist countries and the world progressive forces.

Dear comrades,

The Workers' Party of Korea and the fraternal Government and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have always stood on our side and rendered continued effective support and assistance to our cause of the struggle for national salvation which won a great victory today. Precisely this contributed to our victory.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I should like to express, in the name of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Lao people, heartfelt thanks to respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung and to the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government and the fraternal people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the valuable support and aid rendered to us.

We will develop the fraternal friendship and militant solidarity between the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and the Workers' Party of Korea, between the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and between the peoples of Laos and Korea on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

We are convinced that the present official goodwill visit of the Lao Party and Government Delegation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will contribute to strengthening the relations of fraternal friendship and militant solidarity between our two countries.

Closing my speech, I should like to propose this glass to the friendship and militant solidarity between our two Parties and our two peoples,

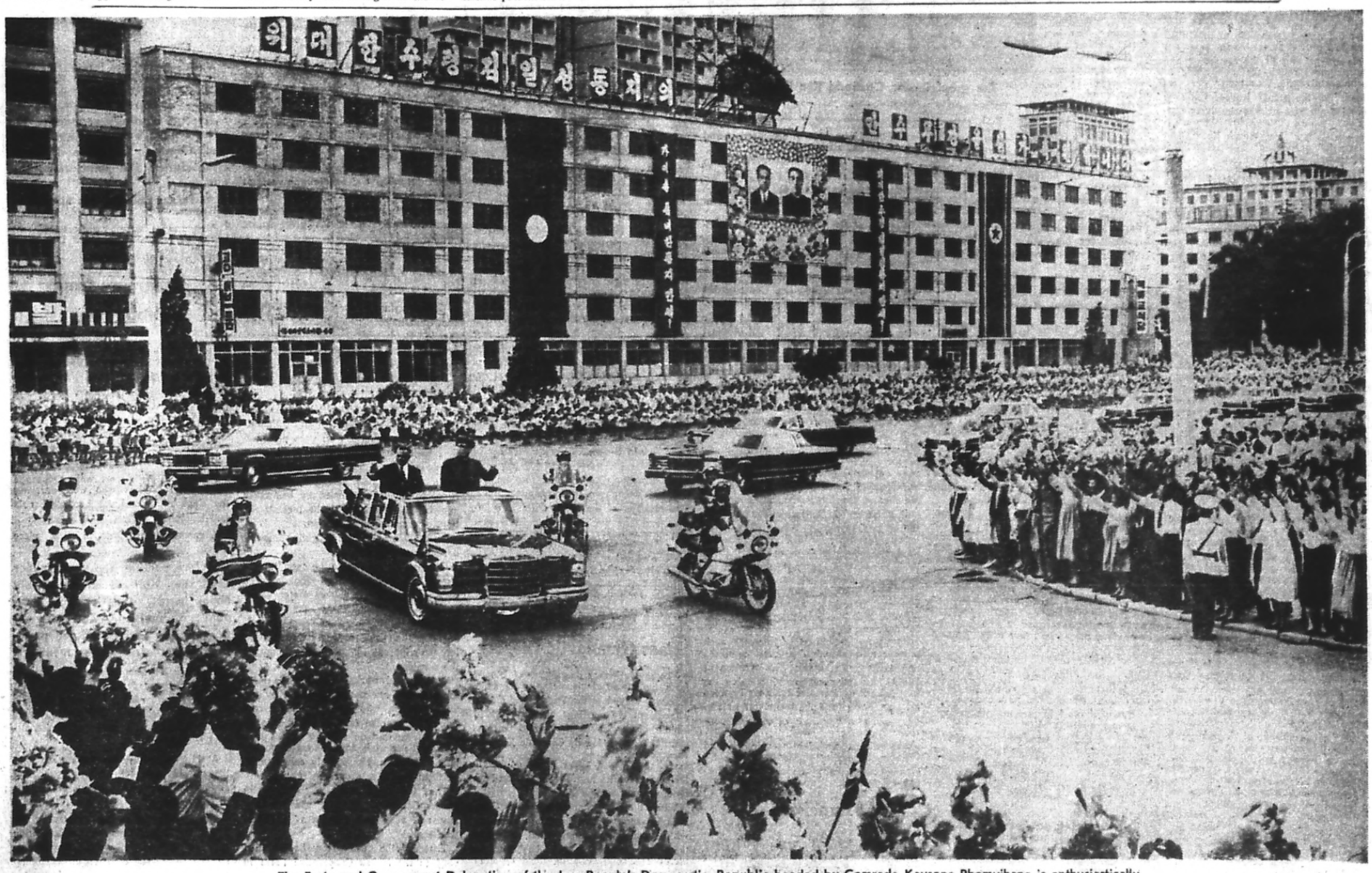
To the good health and long life of respected Comrade Kim Il Sung,

To the health of Comrade Pak Sung Chul and leading comrades of the Party and Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

To the health of comrades and friends of the diplomatic corps, and

To the health of comrades and friends present here.

Thank you



The Party and Government Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic headed by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane is enthusiastically welcomed by hundreds of thousands of Pyongyang working people

Platform of a Pyongyang mass meeting held to welcome Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane-led Party and Government Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, attended by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung

Powerful Demonstration of Indestructible Militant Friendship and Solidarity Formed Between the Korean and Lao Peoples in the Anti-Imperialist Common Struggle

Grand Pyongyang Mass Meeting Welcoming Comrade KAYSONE PHOMVIHANE-Led LPDR Party and Government Delegation Held with the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG Participating

A grand Pyongyang mass rally was held at the Pyongyang Gymnasium on June 17 in welcome of the Party and Government Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic headed by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and Prime Minister of the Government of the LPDR, which paid an official friendship visit to our country at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, attended the mass meeting together with Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane.

Present at the mass rally with a large number of working people in the city were leading personnel of the Party and power bodies and working people's organizations, generals of the Korean People's Army and responsible functionaries from scientific, educational, cultural, art, public health and press circles.

The mass rally was also participated in by members of the 30th home-visiting group of compatriots from Japan.

Invited there were foreign diplomatic envoys and Lao students in our country.

Hung in place of honour on the platform of the rally were a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, and a portrait of Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, General Secretary of the CC of the LPRP and Prime Minister of the Government of the LPDR, flanked on either side by big national flags of Korea and Laos.

Seen in the meeting place were slogans bearing the words: "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Long live Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane!" "Warm welcome to the goodwill mission of the Lao people!" and "Long live the unbreakable militant friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Lao peoples!"

At five p.m. the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, in company with Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, appeared on the platform amid the strains of the welcome music. At the moment, stormy cheers of "manse!" (hurrah) and thunderous applause burst out, shaking the hall.

The platform of the mass rally was taken by members of the LPDR Party and Government Delegation and its suite.

In the platform party were cadres and personages concerned of our country and Ryom Tae Jun, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the LPDR.

As still more enthusiastic applause and cheers arose, Juvenile Corps members presented the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane with bunches of fragrant flowers. The Juvenile Corps members presented bundles of bouquets also to the others who were in the platform party.

The mass rally began with the playing of the national anthem of the LPDR and the Patriotic Song of our country.

Comrade Chong Jun Gi, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council and Chairman of the Pyongyang City People's Committee, made a welcoming speech.

In his speech, he said that the peoples of Korea and Laos are a close comrade-in-arms and brother who maintained a firm bond of friendship through a long-drawn common struggle against imperialists and colonialists.

Referring to the great achievements made by the Lao people in the building of a new life under the leadership of esteemed Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, he ardently hoped that they will achieve still greater successes in the new stage of struggle for socialist revolution and construction.

He went on to say:

Today the appearance of Asia has undergone a radical change.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"The colonial Asia, the underdeveloped East of yesterday, has disappeared once and for all and new Asia has been born that advances towards independence, progress and prosperity."

The Asian peoples are vigorously following the path of sovereignty, independence and socialism to completely liquidate the imperialist colonial system and build a new, prosperous Asia without exploitation and oppression.

The speaker dwelt on the brilliant results made by our people in the building of socialism under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

He expressed deep thanks to esteemed Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane, the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, the Lao government and people for their constant, sincere support and encouragement to our people's struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

He manifested firm solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people and other Arab peoples, the struggle of the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and Azania against the aggressive manoeuvres of the racist cliques in southern Africa and for freedom and liberation, the struggle of the peoples of the African continent and the struggle of the Latin American peoples.

He said that our people will continue to fight more stubbornly to build a world free from aggression and plunder, a peaceful and prosperous, new world, uniting with the peoples of the socialist countries, with the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America and with all peoples of the world who advocate independence.

Noting that the visit to our country of the Party and Government Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic headed by Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane has turned a new chapter in the annals of friendship between the two peoples, he stressed that our people will fight forever shoulder to shoulder with the fraternal Lao people in the anti-imperialist, common struggle.

After concluding his speech, he presented Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane with a silk banner in the name of the Pyongyang mass meeting.

The silk banner is emblazoned with the national flags of Korea and Laos side by side and embroidered in gold thread with the slogan reading "Long live the unbreakable militant friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Lao peoples!"

Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane spoke next.

He said:

During this brief period of five days we have been extremely moved by the fraternal friendship and militant solidarity which Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Party, the government and the people of Korea have manifested to us.

And today the representatives of the population of the heroic capital city of Pyongyang have organized this mass meeting so fraternal and particularly cordial in honour of our delegation, which has deeply moved us.

First of all, in the name of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, the Lao people and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, I express my cordial and warm sentiments to the entire comrades present here and, at the same time, I express the sentiments of profound cordiality and sincere thanks of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Lao people to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the fraternal people of Korea who have supported wholeheartedly the revolutionary cause of the Lao people.

I extend thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung who greeted the heroic revolutionary struggle and the great and complete victory of our Lao people.

Under the clear-sighted leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and Comrade Kim Il Sung, their respected leader, the Korean people, applying the Juche idea, have mobilized all their energies and all their intelligence in healing the war wounds and in constructing the country and have succeeded in developing their country at the speed of Chollima.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has turned into a socialist country with a national economy built with its own efforts. The brilliant achievements made by the Korean people offer a shining example reflecting the spirit of independence, the firm determination in relying on its own forces in the construction of an independent and prospering economy.

The prestige of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is rising day by day in the international arena. The great victories gained by the Korean people in the fulfilment of the Six-Year Plan adopted at the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea constitute a fine basis for the further vigorous construction of socialism and for the struggle for the peaceful and independent reunification of the country.

On the other hand, the great victories attained by the Korean people contribute to consolidating the forces of socialism, national independence, democracy and world peace. **These great victories could be won by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, and the Workers' Party of Korea that creatively applied Marxism-Leninism, which translates itself into the Juche idea, to the concrete realities of Korea.**

He continued:

In the northern part of the valiant Republic, a solid bastion of the Korean revolution, we extend militant solidarity, sincere amity and warm wishes of the Lao people to the Korean population living in the south fighting for a happy life and against the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

The Lao People's Revolutionary Party, the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and our Lao people fully support the just struggle of the Korean people who demand the total withdrawal of the US troops of aggression from south Korea. The Korean problem must be solved by the Korean people themselves.

We resolutely denounce the manoeuvres of the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to perpetuate the division of Korea and create "two Koreas."

We vehemently denounce the policy and act of the fascist dictatorship of the Pak Jung Hi clique harshly suppressing the patriots and movements for democracy and trampling underfoot the aspiration of the Korean population in the south who demand the peaceful and independent reunification of Korea.

The Lao People's Revolutionary Party and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and our Lao people resolutely support the position and reasonable propositions of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

We are convinced that developing their traditions of the resolute revolutionary struggle and under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Korean people will surely win victory in the struggle for the peaceful and independent reunification of the country.

He said further:

At the end of the uninterrupted revolutionary struggle full of sacrifices and difficulties, hardships and heroism we could abolish neo-colonialism definitely and abolish anachronistic monarchism and solemnly found the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

This victory opened a new and brilliant era, the era of Laos independent, united and peaceful and where the people became the true master of the country and the era where Laos advances towards socialism without going through the capitalist stage of development.

The victory of the Lao people along with the victory of Viet Nam and Cambodia has increased the might of the forces of socialism, national independence, democracy and peace and turned the balance of forces in Southeast Asia favorable to the revolution.

Our Lao people have victoriously overcome all trials, smashed in succession the vicious manoeuvres of the enemies, defended and consolidated the people's power, carried out economic and cultural construction, restored production and normalized the people's life to a certain degree.

Touching upon the international situation, he said:

The entire mankind is living in the era where the balance of the world forces is turning in favour of the revolutionary forces.

The progressive peoples of the world assume the mission of impelling the steady advance of the revolution.

It is for this reason that all the forces of socialism, national independence and peace must unite.

From this point of view, the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic always pursue the policies to strengthen solidarity with the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Democratic Cambodia and all socialist countries, strengthen solidarity with the non-aligned countries and support to the national liberation movement and strengthen solidarity and support to the revolutionary struggle of the workers and working people of the developed capitalist countries.

We also maintain the policies based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence among countries of different political systems to contribute to consolidating the revolutionary forces and safeguarding world peace.

He went on:

Though thousands of kilometres separates Laos and Korea geographically from each other, the two peoples have long been united by the close militant solidarity.

The Workers' Party of Korea, the government and the fraternal Korean people animated by the spirit of proletarian internationalism have always rendered sincere support and aid to the Lao Party, government and people in their cause of the revolutionary struggle.

This support and aid contributed to the great victory of our Lao people. In the name of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Lao people, I once again express deep thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, the Workers' Party of Korea, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the fraternal Korean people for their precious support and aid and wish the fraternal Korean people new successes in their socialist construction and struggle for the peaceful and independent reunification of the country.

We are firmly convinced that the visit of our delegation will make an important contribution to the development and efflorescence of the fraternal friendship and militant solidarity between our two Parties and two peoples, bringing this friendship and solidarity to a new plane.

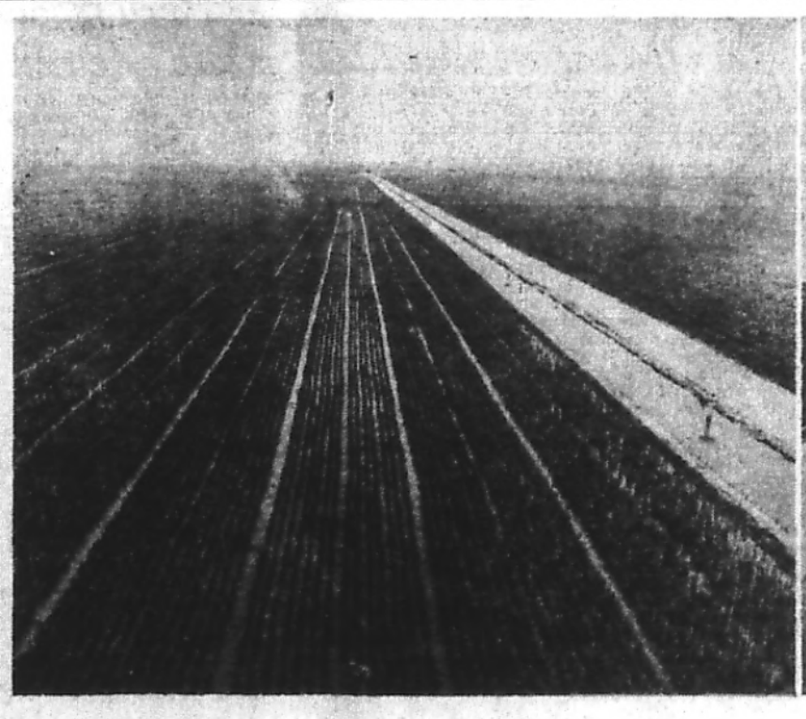
His speech won the warm support and welcome of the attendants.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung exchanged a firm handshake with Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane and warmly hugged him when he returned to his seat after the conclusion of his speech. At the moment, stormy cheers of "manse!" and thunderous applause broke out again, rocking the hall.

On behalf of the delegation Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane presented the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung with a silk banner which he had prepared.

The silk banner is embroidered in gold thread with the slogan bearing the words "The fraternal friendship and militant solidarity between the two Parties and two peoples of Laos and Korea will be eternally unshakable!"

The mass rally ended with the performance of the Patriotic Song of our country and the national anthem of the LPDR.



Comrade Kaysone Phomvihane-led Party and Government Delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic visiting the Migok Co-operative Farm

Communique in Connection with Convocation of Third World Youth Conference in Korea

The fourth preparatory session of the Second Conference of the Youth of the Third World to be convened in our country was held in Algiers on May 25 and 26, according to a report.

The session was attended by a delegation of the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea headed by Kim Chang Ryong, Vice-Chairman of its Central Committee, a delegation of the General Secretariat of the Pan-African Youth Movement headed by Secretary General Sekou Cissoko and a delegation of the National Youth Union of Algeria headed by Azzedine Abdelmadjid, its National Secretary for External Relations.

The session made public a communique.

Noting that the session discussed matters on the convening of the conference, the communique said:

The three parties,

Considering that imperialism and reaction are proliferating the hotbed of tension and war and intensifying the criminal aggression on the three continents to disunite the people and youth of the third world, maintain the system of domination and exploitation, preserve their privileges and cause the instability of the progressive governments in Asia, Africa and Latin America,

Conscious that it is necessary for the youth of the third world to further mobilize themselves and more effectively take part, on a unitary basis and with a concrete objective, standing on the side of their people, in the struggle to achieve independence and social progress and resolutely counter the crafty machinations and ambition of the imperialists in the three continents,

Express their firm determination to convene without fail before the end of 1977 in Pyongyang, capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Second Conference of the Youth of the Third World whose basic purpose will reflect the unshakable will for the unity and solidarity of the youth of the third world in the struggle against imperialism and for independence.

The conference which is awaited with expectation will substantially contribute to strengthening various components of the world anti-imperialist front of the youth.

The three parties also consider that the fixing of the date of the conference, practical modes, the programme and the list of participants will be discussed and decided on at the fifth preparatory session to be held in Algiers at the date jointly agreed upon by the three parties (Pan-African Youth Movement, National Youth Union of Algeria and League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea).

This work will be conducted through broad consultations with youth organizations of the three continents for the massive adhesion and participation of the youth concerned.

Mauritanian Government's Unreasonable Step

The Mauritanian government took an unfriendly attitude towards our country of late, aggravating relations with us. And it took on June 7 a step of unilaterally severing state relations with us.

Due to such a measure of the Mauritanian authorities, the bonds which had closely linked Korea and Mauritania were broken. This is an unhappy event for the peoples of the two countries who have been striving for the realization of the common cause of anti-imperialism and independence.

After taking this step, the Mauritanian government made public a communique of the Ministry of State for External Affairs on June 8. In the communique it attempted to shift the responsibility for the severance of state relations onto our side, claiming that our Republic has been antagonistic to Mauritania and committed unfriendly acts towards her.

But it does not work.

Never has our Republic been hostile to Mauritania and unfriendly towards her people. Since the establishment of state relations with Mauritania, the government of our Republic has always made every possible effort to develop friendly and cooperative relations between the peoples of the two countries in the struggle to carry through the common cause of anti-imperialism and independence.

Out of the noble desire to promote the realization of the common cause of anti-imperialism, the government of our Republic and our people have supported in every way the struggle of the Mauritanian people for building a new life.

The whole world is well aware of this and no one can deny this fact.

The Mauritanian government's only pretext for the severance of state relations with our country is that our country supported the West Saharan people's struggle for national self-determination and recognized the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic. This is, to all intents and purposes, an absurd pretext.

In the West Saharan problem, the government of our Republic and our people supported the struggle of the West Saharan people for national self-determination and recognized the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic. This proceeds from the just and principled stand valuing national independence and the principle of national self-determination and international law and international practice.

The West Saharan problem, by nature, is a matter that should be settled in accordance with the will and desire of the West Saharan people on the principle of their national self-determination.

Both sides expressed an identity of views on this matter in a joint communique of our country and Mauritania issued in June 1975.

This notwithstanding, the Mauritanian authorities broke off state relations with our country on the ground that the DPRK supported the struggle of the West Saharan people and recognized the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic. What does this really show?

It shows that confronted with the ever-growing distrust and discontent of the people in connection with the West Saharan problem, the Mauritanian authorities are not confident of their work and behave indiscreetly.

And it is part of their moves to justify at all costs their wrong stand towards the West Saharan problem for which they earns distrust within and without and to divert elsewhere the attention of the people.

The Mauritanian authorities are going toward the improvement of relations with the south Korean puppet clique. This clearly shows what an abyss they are sliding into.

The Mauritanian government's unilateral severance of state relations with our country runs counter to the desire of the two peoples.

Moreover, it is contrary to the interests of the common cause of the countries of the new-emerging forces, the non-aligned countries.

This untenable attitude on the part of the Mauritanian government only benefits the imperialists who are working hard to drive a wedge between countries of the new-emerging forces, non-aligned countries, and alienate them from each other and fish in troubled waters.

We think that the Mauritanian authorities should be held responsible for the consequences arising from their recent untenable step.

The government of our Republic and our people will as always extend an invariable support to the sacred struggle of the peoples of the countries of the new-emerging forces for the defence of national independence and sovereignty under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

Nothing can shake this principled stand of our Republic.

Pak U Son

Tanzania Refuses Entry of South Korean Puppets' Lutheran Representative

Tanzania informed the organizers of the Lutheran World Federation Assembly that she would not allow the representatives of south Korea and Taiwan to enter her soil for attending the Sixth Assembly of the LWF scheduled there from June 13, according to a report from Dar-es-Salaam on June 7.

This made it impossible for the south Korean and Taiwanese representatives to attend this assembly in Tanzania and dealt another hard blow at the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and the Chiang Ching-kuo clique, the despicable stooges of US imperialism, under the eyes of world public.

This decisive step taken by Tanzania is an exercise of the legitimate sovereignty of her government and people advancing along the road of anti-imperialism and independence. This shows the unshaken determination of the Tanzanian people to have no dealings at all with the faithful stooges of imperialism.

This also shows once again the sorry sight of the south Korean puppets as an international orphan who is being more thoroughly isolated from the world's people with each day.

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Friendship Visits

☆ A delegation of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR headed by Pavel Georgievich Gilashvili, Vice-President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic, visited our country from June 2 to 7.

☆ A Colombian parliamentary delegation led by Jaime Chaves Echeverri, Chairman of the First Commission of the House of Representatives of Colombia, was in Korea from June 2 to 9 at the invitation of the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly.

☆ A delegation of the Home Secretariat of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya stayed here between May 21 and June 7.

Bombing Exercise of US Strategic Bombers Must Be Stopped

The June 7 issue of Japanese paper the "Yomiuri Shimbun" carried the announcement of the US Department of Defence that the B-52 strategic bombers of the US air force now based on Guam in the Pacific are making regular flight to south Korea and staging bombing exercises there.

The flight of B-52s from Guam to south Korea and their bombing exercises in south Korea, the paper said, have been continued two or three times every month at regular intervals since last year and the role of Guam-based US strategic air group has increased these days.

It is a well-known fact that B-52s based on Okinawa, Japan, also flew into south Korea several times to conduct similar exercises and that the US and south Korean puppet troops are staging joint military exercises in succession.

Such regular and large-scale military exercises of the US imperialists are an act running counter to the aspiration of the world's people who hope for peace in Korea and her peaceful reunification.

Easing the tension in Korea and bringing a phase in the peaceful solution of the reunification problem are the unanimous desire of our people and the people the world over today and we are doing everything in our power for their realization.

The new four-point save-the-nation proposal we advanced some time ago proceeds from our earnest desire to remove war danger in Korea and pave the way for the peaceful settlement of the reunification problem and it, therefore, is enlisting active support and approval of the unbiased public opinion at home and abroad—to say nothing of the entire Korean people.

It is at this juncture that the US imperialists are openly conducting military acts before the world's people. This shows that they did not give up their aggressive design to fix the division of Korea and keep their hold on south Korea forever as their colony and military base.

The US imperialists have military exercise grounds everywhere. Yet they send to south Korea their B-52 bombers loaded with nuclear weapons to engage in bombing exercises. This is intended in particular to threaten and intimidate the south Korean people, to encourage the south Korean puppet clique so that they can further intensify their suppression of the people and to step up their war machinations in Korea.

The bombing exercise is also connected with the US imperialists' intention to display their "strength".

To all intents and purposes, it is a provocative act aggravating tension in Korea and hampering her reunification and a product of the criminal plot of the US imperialists to realize at any cost their aggression on Korea.

The US imperialists must immediately discontinue their bombing exercise and all other war manoeuvrings in south Korea.

Li Baek

Clumsy Artifice

The south Korean English "Hapdong" absurdly claimed that socialist countries are "different in their approaches" toward the Korean question and if south Korea avail itself of this anti have contacts with some socialist countries it can benefit from them.

It is clear to everyone that the cock-and-bull story spread by the south Korean puppets through their subsidized news agency is part of their premeditated conspiratorial plots and a false propaganda conducted by them with much effort and money.

This is all the more so when recalling the fact that the puppets have so far conducted a malignant smear campaign against socialist countries on the pretext of "world communist aggression".

The reports spread by the puppets through their subsidized propaganda media only betray their extreme uneasiness and thorough isolation from within and without.

The puppets' trumpeting is, in a nutshell, intended to drive a wedge between our country and other socialist countries, impair the high international prestige of our Republic and get rid of their international isolation.

"Improvement of relations" with socialist countries and so on clamoured about by the puppets isolated at home and abroad is nothing but a ridiculous attempt to hurt and undermine at all costs the relations of friendship and cooperation favourably developing between our Republic and other socialist countries with each passing day.

This sophism of the puppets is also intended to make it appear that their "regime is independent" and to have the division of the country legalized internationally.

This is, however, a foolish attempt and the puppets will get nothing therefrom.

The south Korean English "Hapdong" spread the false report that the puppets are seeking "contacts" with socialist countries using "services" of Yugoslavia. But this was flatly denied by Yugoslavia when she manifested her stand.

It is foolish of the south Korean puppets to try to approach socialist countries under the name of "improvement of relations".

The ridiculous behaviours of the south Korean puppet clique will only strip bare their despicable nature. With no sophism can they achieve their sinister aim.

Li Jin

Press Conference in Paris

By Delegation of French Action Committee to Support the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea Which Had Visited Our Country

The delegation of the French Action Committee to Support the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea which had visited our country and had an audience of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung during its stay in our country held a press conference on May 18 in the building of the French Senate, according to a report.

Present on the occasion were many French reporters, foreign correspondents in France, representatives of political parties and public organizations of France, Senators and members of the French Action Committee to Support the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea and the France-Korea Friendship Association.

Guy Dupre, Secretary General of the French Action Committee, who headed the delegation spoke at the press conference.

He said:

The most impressive and emotional fact during our visit to Korea was that we had the honour of being received for hours by Marshal Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

President Kim Il Sung gave a clear-cut analysis of the international situation and the Korean question and explained the prospect for the reunification of Korea.

As President Kim Il Sung said in his talk with the Executive Managing Editor of Japanese "Yomiuri Shimbun" and his party some time ago, the Korean people are watching how Carter fulfils his election pledges to withdraw the US troops from south Korea.

Lately some politicians in the United States are talking that the withdrawal of the US troops from south Korea will be gradually effected over a period of four to five years. The US President's tenure of office is four years. This suggests that Carter's election pledges would not be fulfilled while he is in office.

We also can hardly understand what their talking means.

The Korean people are closely watching this.

At present the south Korean authorities, far from working for peaceful reunification desired by the entire Korean people, are introducing large quantities of weapons including nuclear weapons and savagely suppressing the democrats in south Korea.

In particular, they are working overtime to obtain weapons.

The French government, cooperating with them, is giving economic and military aid to them and plans to supply them even with atomic reactors.

We resolutely denounce the stand and attitude of the French government and strongly demand an immediate end to all "aid" to south Korea.

As pointed out by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the Korean people want to realise the reunification of the country independently and peacefully without outside interference.

President Kim Il Sung advanced the three principles and five-point policy for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

I would like to stress particularly that Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the Korean people, always spends much of his time among the masses, while wisely guiding the whole affairs of the country.

What surprised us in particular was that he spent his birthdays and this year his 65th birthday, an auspicious holiday, giving on-the-spot guidance in the fields and factories.

To conclude, we must actively support the struggle of the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Robert Oppotit, Member of the French Action Committee to Support the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea and Chief for International Affairs of the Guidance Committee of the Progressive Front of France, who had visited our country as a member of the delegation, spoke next.

Robert Oppotit said:

What impressed us most deeply during our visit to Korea was that as taught by President Kim Il Sung, the people are firmly maintaining independence and thoroughly embodying it in all fields.

In Korea all policies are based precisely on the Juche idea, independence.

The three principles laid down by Marshal Kim Il Sung for the reunification of the country are based on the Juche idea.

President Kim Il Sung greatly honoured us by receiving our delegation and gave lucid words of profound and universal significance about the necessity of upholding independence and about the present international situation and the world economic crisis.

His words are all splendid propositions.

Referring to the question of Korean reunification, President Kim Il Sung said to the following effect:

As for the question of our country's reunification, the struggle of our people for national reunification is not one for communism or capitalism but one between independence and flunkeyism. We want to reunify the country independently but the south Korean reactionaries try to achieve reunification by relying upon the outside forces.

This proposition is important words correctly reflecting the reality.

Marshal Kim Il Sung said that during his election campaign Carter promised to withdraw the US troops from south Korea and oppose a regime suppressing human rights, but the point is that what he said in his election commitments does not tally with what he actually does later, and that it is only a few months since he took office and there is time for him to honour his election commitments and, therefore, it is necessary to watch how he fulfils them.

During its stay in Korea our delegation saw that the workers, peasants, intellectuals, office employees and even soldiers are all mobilized in economic construction.

In particular, Panmunjom clearly showed the two different realities of the north and the south.

We saw the houses and well-tended paddy and non-paddy fields in the north of the Demarcation Line but only fields overgrown with grass and military parks in the south.

Seeing the two different realities, we could make a correct judgement of everything.

In a word, everything is mobilized in economic construction in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

On the basis of the Juche idea of President Kim Il Sung and under his wise leadership, the people in the northern half have turned their country into a powerful industrial state with a firm independent national economy ensuring self-sufficiency in everything.

Marshal Kim Il Sung goes down among people almost every day to give on-the-spot guidance. When we visited Korea, he was out in a local area to consult about work with ordinary workers and peasants at factories and in the fields, indicating the road to be followed by them.

Therefore, the people heartily support President Kim Il Sung, respect and revere him and are all rallied close around him.

It is incomprehensible why the south Korean authorities cry for "strengthening of national defence", begging for military aid at a time when the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is carrying on peaceful construction in an all-round way, not preparations for war, and striving to achieve the reunification of the country in a peaceful way, not by force of arms, Robert Oppotit said. He called upon the French people to strive to help Korea to be reunified by a peaceful means, not by means of war.

Philype Machefert, Bureau Member of the French Action Committee to Support the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea and Member of the Guidance Committee of the Socialist Party of France, who had visited Korea as a member of the delegation also spoke.

He stated:

Everyone from broad sections of people to leading functionaries in Korea lays stress on the Juche idea and is embodying it in practice.

The Korean people resolutely oppose flunkeyism and view and deal with all matters on the principles of independence in conformity with the interests and actual conditions of their country.

They have built an independent national economy by creditably embodying independence and they act independently on their own faith in foreign policy, too.

This, I think, is the most characteristic feature of the Korean people.

The realities of Korea show that her economy develops soundly and without fluctuation and her people's life is also stabilized.

She is a country whose economy is not subordinated to other nations and its potentialities are abundant.

Korea holds fast to independence in the question of her reunification, too.

Marshal Kim Il Sung laid down the three principles of Korean reunification, firmly basing himself on independence.

These principles are the most fair and aboveboard ones acceptable to anyone who wants the reunification of the country.

Why do the south Korean authorities refuse to observe these principles which they accepted themselves? Why are they insisting on division instead of reunification? Why are they not going to have a sincere dialogue?

If these questions are to be solved, the stand of the United States toward Korea must be changed, first of all.

We consider that the solution of the Korean question depends entirely on the stand and attitude of the United States.

Why is it necessary for the "defence" of the United States to keep the US troops in south Korea? For what is it necessary for the peaceful reunification of Korea?

In the future our Committee will rouse public opinion further in France and conduct energetic activities with a view to powerfully supporting and encouraging the just cause of the Korean people who are making every effort for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

At the press conference answers were given to the questions raised.

The press conference was reported by AFP, "l'Humanite" and many other news agencies and newspapers.

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Eighth Anniversary of Rectification Measures in Democratic Yemen

The people of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen will mark the 8th anniversary of the rectification measures on June 22. On this occasion the Korean people extend warm felicitations and greetings to the wise, brave and diligent people of Democratic Yemen.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"Today the people of Democratic Yemen are successfully building an independent national economy and a national culture, while carrying out the tasks of the national democratic revolution."

Since the enforcement of rectification measures in 1969, the people of Democratic Yemen, under the correct leadership of the United Political Organization of the National Front and the Presidential Council led by Comrade Salem Rubaya Ali, have waged a vigorous struggle to carry out the national democratic revolution and build a new society, frustrating the ceaseless imperialist manoeuvres for aggression and intervention. To be mentioned here in particular is the fact that marked progress has been made in the country's independent development by effecting a series of progressive reforms in the economic and cultural domains.

Democratic Yemen has nationalized a large number of factories, enterprises, banks and companies formerly owned by the foreign monopolies and put the natural resources and foreign trade under state control.

Nor is this all. Some time ago, the government wrung all the concessions for the Aden Oil Refinery out of a British oil company, thus putting an end to the existence of the company which had bled the people white in that country for more than 20 years. Meanwhile, new, state-run industrial branches have come into being. These branches are now playing an important role in the development of the national economy. Many factories relying on domestic raw materials have been set up and various products are turned out in large quantities.

Changes have also taken place in the rural economy.

Carrying out of the land reform, reclamation of wasteland, introduction of advanced farming methods, promotion of irrigation projects, seed improvement, formation of cooperatives and laying of their material and technical foundations—all these measures have enabled Democratic Yemen to raise agriculture to a new stage of development.

Successes have also been achieved in liquidating the centuries-old cultural backwardness and developing national education.

The revolutionary changes brought about in Democratic Yemen over the past eight years clearly show that a people who are freed from the colonial yoke can attain miraculous successes if they march ahead dynamically, taking their destinies firmly into their own hands and united close around their Party, government and leader.

The Korean people heartily rejoice over the successes of the people of Democratic Yemen as over their own and congratulate them.

Both Korea and Democratic Yemen are in Asia and the peoples of the two countries are firmly united with each other by the bonds of friendship formed through their common struggle against imperialism and for independence. Comrade Chairman Salem Rubaya Ali's visit to our country in 1974 at the invitation of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was an event of historical significance which demonstrated the militant friendship and unity between the two countries.

Highly appreciating the successes gained by our people in socialist construction under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the people of Democratic Yemen extend full support and solidarity to our just cause for the country's independent and peaceful reunification. Our people express deep thanks for this.

The Korean people are convinced that the people of Democratic Yemen, our close comrades-in-arms and brothers, will attain greater successes in their endeavour for the country's independent development and for the fulfilment of the Five-Year Plan for Economic Development.

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